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Changing a HVRS vehicle from one club to another.....20 October 2007.

A HVRS vehicle can not be driven on the road unless an entry has been made in the HVRS vehicle's log book for the day of use of the vehicle. It is clear therefore that the HVRS log book is part of the registration document of the vehicle. A HVRS vehicle owner therefore "owns" the following articles, the vehicle on HVRS, the registration papers relating to the HVRS vehicle and the HVRS log book(s) relating to the vehicle.

A HVRS vehicle club buys HVRS logbooks from the FHMC and then "issues" them in respect of a vehicle that is approved to be used as a HVRS vehicle. The act of issuing the log book passes the ownership of the HVRS vehicle log book to the owner of the HVRS vehicle. A club "may" or "may not charge" for the log book when it is issued but "ownership" changes at the time of issue of the HVRS log book.

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When a HVRS vehicle changes from one club to another the following procedure is followed.

The best method is for the vehicle owner to use the current log book to visit the new club registrar and have him inspect the vehicle and if the vehicle is acceptable to the new club a MR 334 is filled out as a record that it has inspected the HVRS vehicle. The new club registrar does not issue the MR334 and a log book but retains both copies of the MR334.

The HVRS vehicle owner then presents the original HVRS vehicle log book to his original HVRS club registrar and says that he wishes to transfer stewardship of the vehicle to another HVRS club. The HVRS club that issued the log book should at that time cancel the HVRS log book and return the cancelled HVRS log book to the vehicle owner and note in the club records the date that the logbook has been cancelled and that the vehicle has been transferred to another HVRS club. You do not have to know which club it is. The HVRS vehicle is still registered but it can not be used until the new log book has been issued.

The vehicle owner then goes to the new club registrar with the cancelled log book and registration paper. On sighting the cancelled logbook the new club registrar on the basis of the completed MR334 held by him issues a new log book and writes into the new log book the number of days already used in the current registration year. The registration paper is marked as well with the name of the new club and the new log book number.

DTEI has asked that the white copy of the MR334 be forwarded to DTEI so that the DTEI is aware of the change in club stewardship and to ensure that they do not cancel the club registration because the relinquishing club advises that a member has left the club and that they have cancelled the HVRS log book. Both the old and the new log book go to the vehicle owner and the white copy of the MR334 is sent to the Registrar of Motor Vehicles, Box 1, Walkerville, SA, 5081.

There is a procedure called "the statute of limitations". This means that you could be called upon to "account for your actions and time up to six years after the action". For this reason the HVRS vehicle owner should keep the cancelled log book in a safe place for at least six years after the last dated event in the log book.